Supply of subsidised foodgrain in tribal areas

2377. SHRI K. VASUDEVA; PANIC-KER; Will th$_e$ Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased tO' refer to the reply to Starred Question 326 given in Rajya Sabha on the 20th March 1987 and state:

(a) whether Government have undertake^ any review of the scheme which was introduced sometime back for supply of wheat and rice at specially subsidised prices to the people living in the integrated Tribal Development Project areas and the tribal majority States to find out its success or failure; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL! SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) es^ Sir.

(b) The working of the Scheme has been found to be generally satisfactory though there is still scope for improvement in the public distribution systeja, particularly in the remote and inaccessible areas.

Adverse effect on Vanaspati consumers of West Bengal due to freight equalisation policy

2377-A. SHRl DIPEN GHOSH': Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the Vanaspati manufacturers of, West Bengal are facin re owing to Union Governments freight equalisation policy;

(b) if so what amount as extra money per kilogram iS being paid by Vanaspati consumers of the State; and

(c) what are the reasons for asking people of West Bengal to pay this &xtra cost?

@ Previously Unstarred Question 2015 transferred from the 7th May, 1987.

BE MINISTER- OF STATE | STRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL-.

SUPPLIES' (SHRI ' GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) There is no iormal or informal control on the prices' i I Vanaspati. Therefore, {here is no disadvantage owing to freight equalisation policy which include reimburse- \ ment, of sales tax and octroi also.

Manufacturing of anti-rabies vaccine in the country

2377-B. SHRI KRISHNA, KUMAR' BIRLA:

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI-

SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times[1] of the loth April, 1987 wherein it has been stated that Government of India is manufacturing anti-rabies vaccine that actually induces the sease in injected animals instead of protecting them:

(b) whether it is also a fact that in 1984 WHO report had warned that the LEP anti-rabies vaccine led to an. attack, of rabies in clogs becaitee the strain from which the serum was made was defective and LEP has been banned in most of the countries in the World; and

hat Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGBTCULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Gov-i ernment of India are not manufacturing anti-rabies vaccine which induces the disease in injected inimals.

(b) and (c) Report of WHO Expert Cornmittee on Rabies (Seventh Report—WHO Technical Report Series |709) 1984 had *inter-alia* observed th. it anti-rabies LEP virus vaccine has caused va'ceine-inducea rabies in dogs and cats and in some countries it is no longer recommended for use in these species. Ali it is no longer -recommended for use in these species. All the •sgame the report cites that this, vaccine has significantly reduced the incidene of rabies in many countries. The report also" says that the use of modified live virus vaccines (LEP) can be justified in areas with extensive rabie; in domestic species. However _ inactivated vaccine is to be preferred wher. the disease has been brought under control. In India the bulk of anti-: -abiesvaccines produced and used for animals comprise inactivated vaccines—the production and use of L. '3P vaccine being relatively small. The Indian Veterinary Research Insti- j tute has so far produced and supplied 72, 656 doses of LEP vaccine and no untoward reaction has been reported by any user after administration of this vaccine.

Audit of accounts of Rajkot Nagrik Sahakari Bank Ltd.

2377-C. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOI. I: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it is compulsory for every cooperative Institution to publish Annual Accounts after audit by qualified Auditor:

(b) wheliher it is also a fact that RAJKOT NAGRIK SAHAKARI BANK ! LTD. of Rajkot in Gujarat State has published the Annual Report of 1984- j 85 without proper Audit; and

(e) if so. what actions have been taken against the said Bank in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON). (a) The i Cooperative Societies Acts of the States provii lacing the Annual Accounts and the Auditors' Reports in the. General Bod. - sf of the So- .. There is normally no provision for publishing the Annual. Accounts iety, Cooperative Banks coming under Banking Regulation Act, 1949 are required' under the law to publish the Accounts and the Auditors Reports in the manner prescribed.

(b) and (c) Information on this is awaite. d from the Governmnt of Gujarat.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

12. 00 P. M.

I. Correcting, (lie reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th April, 19S7 to Unstarred Question 762, regarding Distribution of foodgrains in Bihar.

II. Correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th April, 1987, to Unstarred Question 763, regarding Improvement in Public Distribution System in Bihar.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF "FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): Sir, I beg' to lay on the Table statements (in English and . Hindi) correcting the replies given in the Rajya Sabha on: _

(i) the 24th April, 1987, to Un-. starred Question 762, regarding,'Distribution of foodgrains in Bihar'.[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-4442A!S7].

(ii) the 24th April, 1987 to Unstarred Question 763, regarding 'Improvement in Public 'Distribution System in Bihar'. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-4435-A|87"|.